

Rep. Braley supported legislation that would provide 50,000 additional police officers across the country. **Washington, DC** - The COPS Improvements Act, supported by Rep. Braley (D-Iowa) and passed by the House yesterday 342-78, could create an estimated 71 new police officer positions in the First District of Iowa. The bill would restore the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and provide hiring grants for local police departments.

"The COPS program will help reduce crime while providing jobs for 71 Iowa police officers," Braley said. "As tough economic times squeeze the budgets of community police forces, this legislation will provide a much needed boost to local police officers while helping keep Iowa safe."

The COPS program, originally created in 1994, helped reduce crime by putting over 117,000 additional police officers on the streets from 1995 to 2005. Yesterday's legislation would renew the COPS program and put 50,000 additional police officers on U.S. streets over the next five years.

The COPS bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.